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FRI: 66°F | 54°F
Sunny
SAT: 68°F | 52°F
Sunny
SUN: 68°F | 56°F
Mostly sunny

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Friday, September 25, 2015

Students mourn alum in wake of tragic accident



JESSICA L. WASS—THE TECH

A memorial appeared in Building 3 on Monday morning following the death of Kelsey Brigance '12, who was a Course 2A graduate and a member of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority. A note at the memorial read in part: "Last night, Kelsey was killed in a sailing accident. She was known as [a] fearless engineer, a brilliant technician, [and] an amazing friend. She was forever exploring her passions: Course 16, then Course 2, rowing, theater, the outdoors, [and] sorority life. Today, let's remember Kelsey, and to honor her memory, lets be fearless. Let's be brilliant. Let's never stop exploring."

Random Hall's express guest list experiment continues this year

List was dorm's response to heightened security measures

By Emma Bingham

Random Hall's express guest list system, implemented this past spring, is continuing into its second year. A similar program at Maseeh, implemented in fall 2014, will also continue. The program allows residents of Random to extend card access to five people who can enter the dorm by tapping their MIT IDs at the out-

side entrance rather than check in at the security desk. Random also maintains additional, non-express guest lists, but guests on these lists do not get card access and must see the security desk. Maseeh residents can put three people on express guest lists. These guests must still check in at the desk, but their IDs grant them access at the elevators, which, unlike elevators in other residence halls, require

people to tap their IDs. Express guests must be MIT students and will have access only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:30 a.m. daily. Random and Maseeh are unique among the dorms for their express guest list systems. Most of the other dorms have guest lists which require visitors to check in at the front desk.

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Pilot program will recruit spouses of grad students as child care providers

A new program led by the MIT Family Childcare Network will support the training, licensing, and operations of child care providers caring for children of graduate students in Eastgate and Westgate residences. In the first phase of the pilot program, spouses and partners of MIT graduate students will be recruited as caregivers. Only spouses and partners who are eligible to work in the United States will be able to participate in the program. Each provider will be able to care for four to six children, including his or her own. MIT Housing plans to exempt some care providers from the housing lottery in order to ensure that caregivers can stay in the same apartment from

year to year. Nurtury Inc., a Boston-area based non-profit child care agency has been contracted by MIT to manage the program and facilitate the licensing process, and also to provide training to the caregivers. They will also provide business help for the caregivers, setting up insurance and drawing up contracts with families whose children are in care. The program will be overseen by the MIT Work-Life Center, and is a collaborative effort between Nurtury, the Office of the Dean of Graduate Education, the Graduate Student Council, and the Division of Student Life.

—Anshuman Pandey

More grads choose industry over PhDs

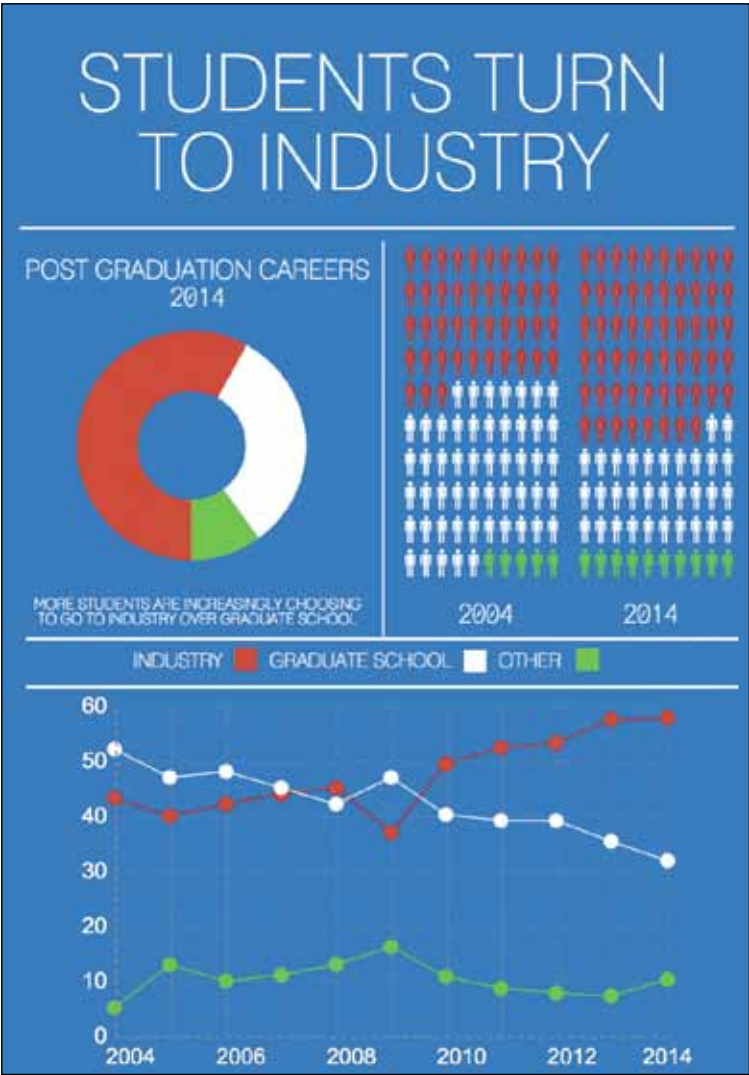
Survey data reveal decade-long trend away from graduate school

By Gabriella Studt

As students flock to Career Fair today to speak with recruiters from tech companies, hedge funds, and startups, many will be seeking full-time jobs and internships. If recent trends in GECD survey results are any indication, more MIT students than ever will enter the workforce upon graduating next semester. The percentage of MIT undergraduate students pursuing full-time work immediately after graduation has been rising steadily over the past ten years. According to a

2014 survey by MIT's Global Education and Career Development, 58 percent of graduating seniors indicated that they planned to enter the workforce, with nearly one in five planning to work at startups. This figure is up from 43 percent in 2004. In comparison, the percentage of students going on the graduate school has been declining, with 32 percent of respondents planning to pursue graduate studies after graduation, down from 52 percent a decade prior.

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IN SHORT

Today is the Fall Career Fair! Check out companies in the Johnson Athletic Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Final exam schedules for the semester have been released. Check your exam times at web.mit.edu/registrar.

Applications are open for the

first phase of the 2015-16 MIT \$100K Entrepreneurship Competition. Apply at mit100k.org.

The Annual Bike Auction, sponsored by MIT Police and MIT Parking and Transportation, will take place on Friday, Oct. 2 in the MIT Bus Lot at 290 Albany Street. An MIT ID is required for entry.

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TAKING ACTION

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SUNNY WEEK, SUNNY WEEKEND

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The TV spinoff of Minority Report is riddled with clichés and bad acting. ARTS, p. 6

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WEATHER

Picturesque fall weather to continue

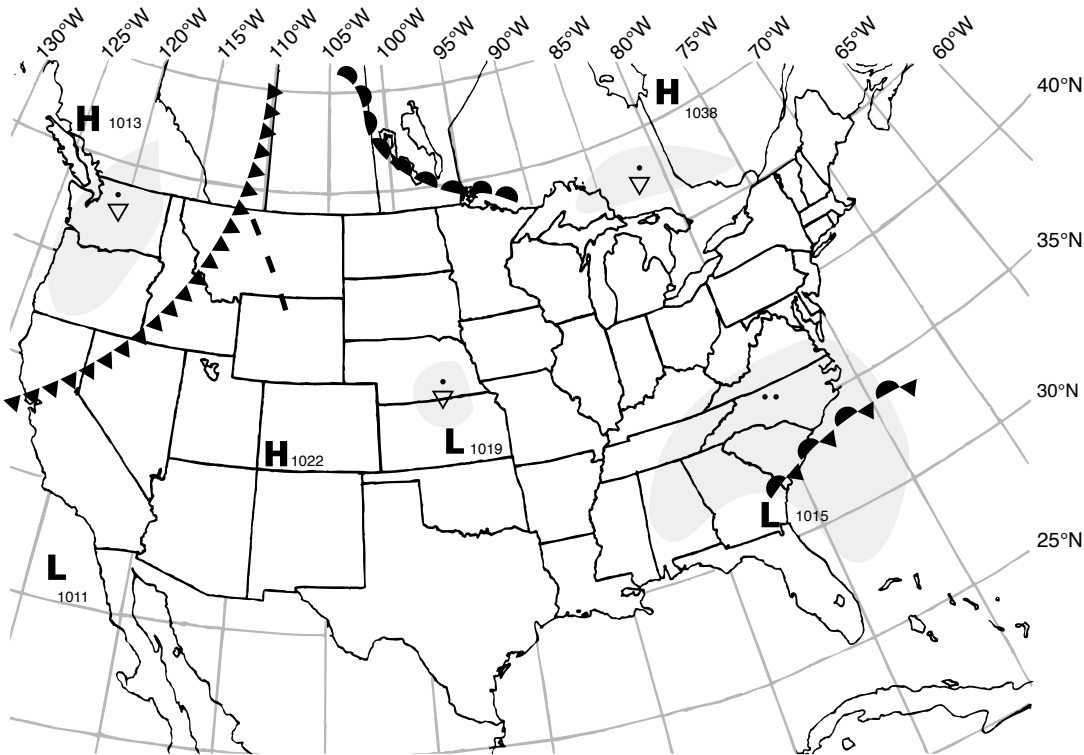
By Vince Agard
STAFF METEOROLOGIST

This week's pattern of sunny, seasonable weather will continue through the weekend, with a strong high pressure system forecast to move in from the northwest. High pressure systems, or anticyclones, tend to be associated with calm, sunny weather, since their clockwise motion (in the Northern Hemisphere) induces large-scale subsidence, or downward motion of air from the upper troposphere. The air warms as it descends due to the increase in atmospheric pres-



















sure, and it remains dry, since air in the upper troposphere cannot retain much water vapor. An anticyclone currently over eastern Canada will be located directly over New England by tomorrow evening. The result will be a continuation of the current pattern of clear skies and moderate temperatures for the next few days. The next chance for rain will come at the beginning of next week, as a low pressure system is forecast to form somewhere off the coast — but with a few days to go, there is still a good deal of uncertainty concerning this storm.

Extended Forecast

Today: Sunny, high 66°F (19°C). Winds NE at 10-15 mph.
Tonight: Clear, low 54°F (12°C). Winds NE at 5-10 mph.
Tomorrow: Sunny, high 68°F (20°C). Winds becoming E at 5-10 mph in the afternoon.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, highs in the upper 60s°F (20°C).
Monday: Partly cloudy with showers possible, highs in the upper 60s°F (20°C).



Situation for Noon Eastern Time, Friday, September 25, 2015

Weather Systems		Weather Fronts		Precipitation Symbols		Other Symbols	
H	High Pressure		Trough				Fog
L	Low Pressure		Warm Front				Thunderstorm
	Hurricane		Cold Front				Haze
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Kendall development project poses traffic concerns

As MIT prepares to move forward with redevelopment plans for the east campus and Kendall Square area, Cambridge officials have expressed concerns that the project will draw increased traffic to an already-congested area.

A transportation study commissioned by MIT estimated that the renovated space would generate over 5,800 vehicle trips and 7,500 transit trips daily. A

memo written by the Cambridge Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department questioned whether the Red Line and bus system could accommodate the new transit trips. The memo also drew attention to MIT's creation of over 1,000 additional parking spaces, an addition which runs counter to "the City's transportation and sustainability goals" to reduce driving.

As Cambridge officials pressure MIT to fund improvements to mitigate the effects of increased traffic to the area, Michael Owu, chairman of MIT's transportation and parking committee, has said that MIT will work closely with the city to ensure that the redevelopment would not pose a burden on transit.

—Katherine Nazemi

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Harvest

Solution, page 7

	9	7		2				6
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Instructions: Fill in the grid so that each column, row, and 3 by 3 grid contains exactly one of each of the digits 1 through 9.

Hayride

Solution, page 7

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Instructions: Fill in the grid so that each column, row, and 3 by 3 grid contains exactly one of each of the digits 1 through 9.

Foliage

Solution, page 7

60x			48x		
	72x			15x	
8x			60x		
54x		20x		15+	
	2		3		1
	5x		6		4

Instructions: Fill in the grid so that each column and row contains exactly one of each of the numbers 1–6. Follow the mathematical operations for each box.

Midterms

Solution, page 7

60x		1–	60x		11+
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	12x		4		3
90x				2–	
240x				4+	

Instructions: Fill in the grid so that each column and row contains exactly one of each of the numbers 1–6. Follow the mathematical operations for each box.

Ordination

by Fred Piscop

Solution, page 7

ACROSS

- 1 Daughter of 26 Down
- 6 Dojo discipline
- 10 Starchy veggie
- 14 Sci-fi figure
- 15 Stack-serving eatery
- 16 Actress Winslet
- 17 Pitching great Ryan
- 18 Hold dear
- 19 OPEC member
- 20 End of some ballgames
- 23 Peacock-tail spot
- 24 Fighter for Jeff Davis
- 25 Sondheim's barber
- 28 Try to sink, maybe
- 31 Neutralize, in terms of weaponry
- 36 Kimono sash
- 37 Became alert
- 39 Vaccine fluid
- 40 Barely lost
- 43 Missouri River city
- 44 Diner freebies
- 45 Cake baker's buy
- 46 Part of Mali
- 48 CBS series
- 49 Tailless cat

DOWN

- 1 __ Andreas Fault
- 2 Oodles
- 3 Place for fodder
- 4 Piled up
- 5 Be a bother to
- 6 Leave in the lurch
- 7 "We're in trouble"
- 8 White Cliffs locale
- 9 Had the first act
- 10 Outer layer
- 11 Component
- 12 A Four Corners state
- 13 Man cave, maybe
- 20 Across' grp.
- 52 Elope quickly
- 54 Declines to answer
- 61 Act without words
- 62 "That's interesting"
- 63 Sounded like a Jersey
- 65 Paradise Lost setting
- 66 Naval commando
- 67 Masters stumble
- 68 Took one's turn
- 69 Works on roofs, say
- 70 Made off with

- 21 Born to be wild
- 22 Wading birds
- 25 Ring chargers
- 26 Sotomayor appointer
- 27 Alice's cat
- 29 Scintilla
- 30 College major
- 32 Less dry than brut
- 33 Telltale sign
- 34 Arrest
- 35 2520, in old Rome
- 37 Not at all abundant
- 38 Digs for pigs
- 41 "Gotcha!"
- 42 Inflexible
- 47 Pitch in
- 49 "That's what you think!"
- 51 Befuddled
- 53 Nest holders
- 54 Sand castle's undoing
- 55 New Testament last word
- 56 Canterbury's county

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- 57 Get wind of
- 58 Seafood often smoked
- 59 What Brits call "takeaway"
- 60 Scoundrel
- 61 Kitten sound
- 64 Litmus, for example

EECS, physics, math are often highest-paid majors

Surveys show MIT students find job offers through campus recruiting, Career Fair; tech companies and startups among most popular choices for recent MIT graduates

Career, from Page 1

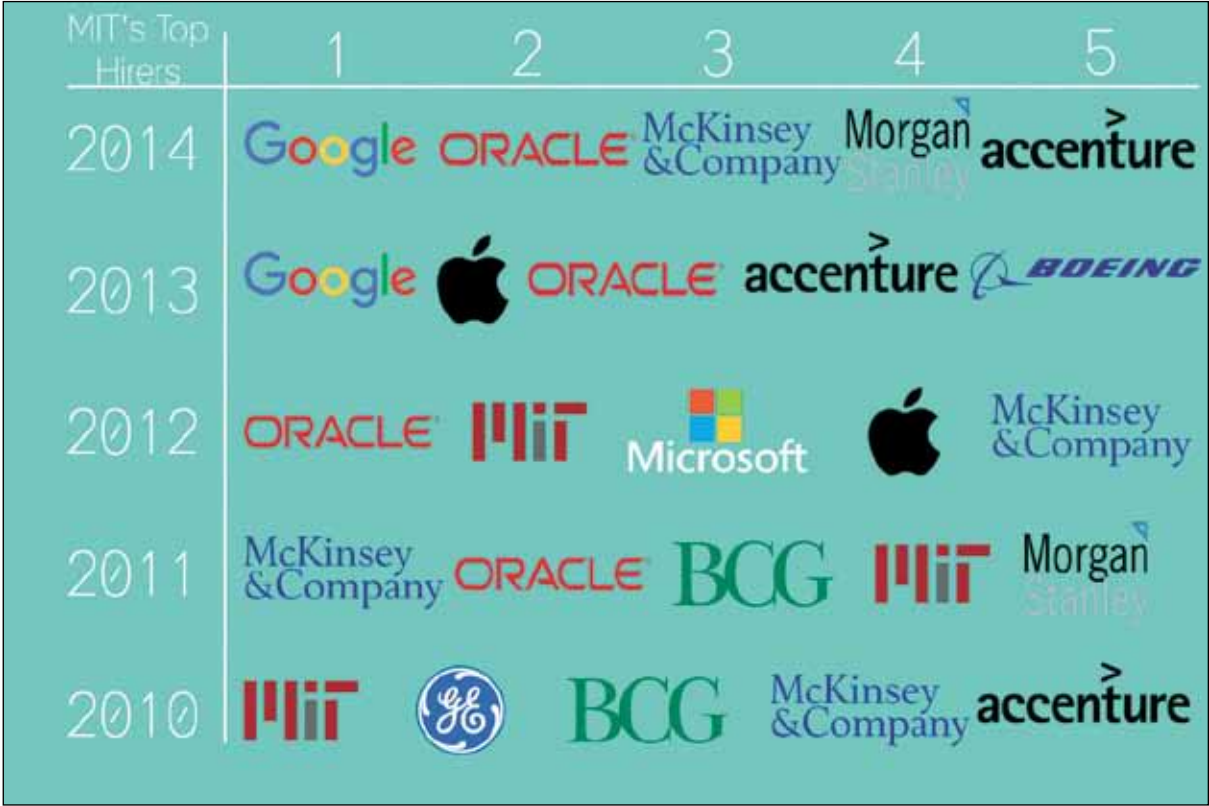
The list of companies hiring the most MIT students has shifted from year to year, though McKinsey and Company, Oracle, and Google have consistently appeared in the top five. Apple, Morgan Stanley, and Accenture have also been popular choices.

Overall, MIT graduates appear to be successful in finding work. By May 2014, over 95 percent of respondents indicated that they had received a job offer. When those going to work were surveyed about ways they found employment, they ranked channels such as campus recruiting, the Career Fair, and networking particularly high. Other students mentioned that their internships had led to job offers. When surveyed on factors that affected their decision to accept a job, 90 percent of those working said that the job content was either “very important” or

“essential.”

Three-quarters of those working full-time said that their job was related to their major. By major, the highest-ranking median salaries were those from Courses 6, 18, and 8, with \$100,000, \$88,500, and \$80,000, respectively. For the past five years, these majors have consistently received higher salaries, though Course 2 and Course 14 are close runners-up. By industry in 2014, graduates with a bachelor’s degree entering work in financial services reported the highest mean salary, at \$103,000, while those entering computer software were not far behind, with a mean income of \$98,000.

The most common industries in which to work were computer software, consulting, and engineering. Many other industries were also strongly represented, including investment banking, finance, military, aerospace, energy, and health/medicine.



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Solution to Harvest

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Solution to Foliage

from page 5

5	1	3	2	4	6
4	6	2	1	3	5
2	4	6	5	1	3
1	3	5	4	6	2
6	2	4	3	5	1
3	5	1	6	2	4

Solution to Hayride

from page 5

8	9	4	1	5	6	3	2	7
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3	4	7	9	2	1	6	8	5
5	6	8	4	3	7	2	1	9

Solution to Midterms

from page 5

4	5	3	1	2	6
3	4	2	6	1	5
2	3	1	5	6	4
1	2	6	4	5	3
6	1	5	3	4	2
5	6	4	2	3	1

Solution to Crossword

from page 5

SASHA	JUDO	SPUD
ALIEN	IHOP	KATE
NOLAN	LOVE	IRAN
TOPO	FTHE	NINTH
EYE	REB	
TODD	RAM	DISARM
OBI	SATUP	SERUM
RANAC	CLOSE	SECOND
OMAHA	MINTS	MIX
SAHARA	CSI	MANX
	CSA	FLY
TAKE	STHE	FIFTH
MIME	I SEE	MOOED
EDEN	SEAL	BOGEY
WENT	TARS	STOLE

MIT hackers show support for Ahmed Mohamed

Four days after high school student Ahmed Mohamed was arrested for building a clock that his teachers mistook for a bomb, hackers at MIT showed their support for the 14-year-old by constructing their own digital clock display and hanging it over a banister in Lobby 7 last Friday.

The functional clock was displayed with a banner reading “#IStandWithAhmed” as well as exposed circuitry at the back.

The hack was eventually removed at around 12:40 p.m. due to concerns that it might

fall down.

Ahmed, a 9th grader from Texas, was arrested on Sept. 14 after being accused of bringing a “hoax bomb” to school. In fact, he had constructed a digital clock at home and had brought it to school to show his teacher. An outpouring of support and encouragement on social media commended Ahmed’s creativity and condemned the arrest as an attack based on Muslim stereotypes.

Ahmed has since been invited to visit the White House, Facebook, and MIT, which he has said is his dream school.

—Adrian Sy

3Q: Prof. Karen Gleason on the Metro Storage Warehouse
MIT proposes to repurpose structure into residence

By MIT News

MIT is advancing a proposal to create a new hub for undergraduate residential life that would include housing, dining, maker space, common and study space, and street-level public retail. The proposed development at 134 Massachusetts Ave. — which could house more than 400 students — would incorporate the unique historic nature of the Metropolitan Storage Warehouse and provide needed flexibility as the Institute continues to enhance its undergraduate and graduate student housing stock. Associate Provost

Karen Gleason, the Alexander and I. Michael Kasser Professor in the Department of Chemical Engineering, is leading the effort and spoke with MIT News about the project.

Q. How did MIT develop the idea of repurposing a building that is on the National Register of Historic Places into a center for living and collaborative learning?

A. I remember first noticing the Metropolitan Storage Warehouse when I was an MIT freshman, back in 1978, and imagining what possibilities that compelling architecture held — a question that has broadly engaged the curiosity of the MIT

community. The Institute has owned the historic building for almost 50 years, and several different reuses have been investigated over time. Along the way, a proposal for a center of undergraduate life bubbled up and has now emerged as an excellent fit for this iconic structure.

It turns out that this structure is really five connected buildings, with the earliest constructed closest to Massachusetts Avenue in 1894. It has always served as a storage facility, and additional buildings were added as the business grew. In fact, the westernmost wall of the structure is a plain brick facade, suggesting that more additions were contemplated. The fifth building was completed in 1911, five years before MIT’s Main Group was completed. It has beautiful internal and external architectural features — including vaulted ceilings, a square corner brick tower, and a crenellated-corbelled cornice — all of which would be preserved in the proposed redevelopment.

The idea for the current proposal to repurpose the Met Warehouse originated with Professor Anton Garcia-Abril Ruiz, who is a faculty member in the Department of Architecture. His office and studios are directly across from the Met Warehouse, causing him to become deeply intrigued by this building.

Because of the historic nature of the facility, only limited changes can be made to the window openings. But Professor Ruiz developed a breakthrough idea that could allow light to be brought in, while maintaining the structural integrity of the building. His approach involves inserting a series of light wells that would penetrate the interior of the structure and fit precisely with the periodicity of the existing support framework. The dormitory rooms and common rooms near the light wells would then have increased natural light and views of the sky.

Professor Ruiz also envisioned the possibility of adding additional floors on top of the existing historic structure. These upper floors would be highly transparent, and would have spectacular views of the surrounding area.

His visionary designs have been reviewed by multiple colleagues in the Department of Architecture, including Meejin Yoon, the head of the Department of Architecture, and Hashim Sarkis, the dean of the School of Architecture and Planning. Of course, these designs would need to be discussed and reviewed with the Cambridge Historical Commission.

Q. Do you feel that the location — at the corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Vassar Street — is a compelling feature of the proposal?

A. I really do. The location is at the center of MIT’s campus, both from a north/south and an east/west perspective. Sometimes our community perceives that facilities in the west campus area are further from the main campus than they actually are. Bringing this building into active use will create an added sense of connectedness and cohesiveness. Also, the opportunity to integrate the Met Warehouse into the campus will anchor our planning efforts in the west campus area, where we are in the process of developing a flexible, long-range framework to guide future development, including opportunities to create more student housing.

I think the combination of the central location and the unique features of the building — including the high ceilings, prominent brick construction, and the potential for the modern light wells — is just the right mix to create a sense that this is a place where the future will be invented.

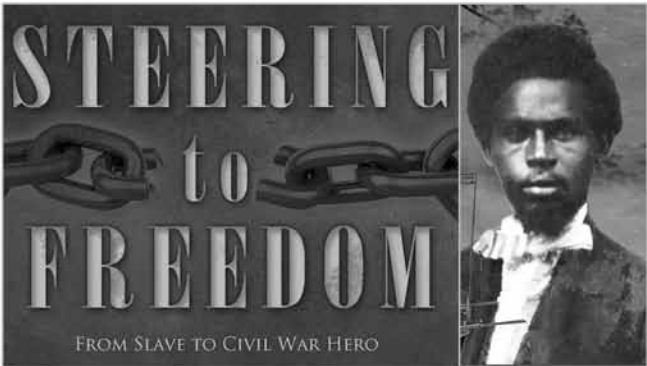


A Reading with MIT Alum Patrick Gabridge

Gabridge reads from his most recent novel, *Steering to Freedom*, the story of a young man who becomes the first black captain of a US military ship.

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Express guest list difficult to put in place

No plans to extend system to other dorms

Guests, from Page 1

Policies for editing the lists and for guest check-in vary. The one exception is East Campus, which does not have a security desk. According to Senior Associate Dean for Student Life Henry J. Humphreys, due to the layout of the dorm and its entrances, there is no feasible way to set up a security desk or to implement a guest policy there.

Origin of express guest lists
Express guest lists at Random were introduced in response to residents' frustration over changes in security policies, especially the installment of Allied-Barton workers at the previously student-run security desk and the requirement that all guests stop by the desk to check in, even if accompanied by a resident. In order to help address these complaints, last spring, Housemaster Nina Davis-Millis worked with Random residents on creating the new express guest list policy.

Humphreys said that the express guest list policy in Random was "a way to help make sure that people were complying with the new policies" while "still allowing for the type of community that has existed" in the dorm.

Apart from minor complaints, such as the fact that alumni, who often visit Random, cannot have express guest access, the majority of Random thinks the new policy is an improvement. "Express guests lists are a lot better than no express guest lists," said Random Co-President Taylor S. Sutton '17.

Before the implementation of the express guest system last fall, Maseeh had no guest list system whatsoever. The express guest list policy was created in order for Maseeh to have a guest list system in the first place, as all other dorms do.

Implementation at other dorms

According to Humphreys, the express guest lists are labor-intensive to set up. Residents must submit the names of their desired guests. Then these names must be compared so that none of them overlap. Finally, guests must be manually entered into the computer system in order to activate their IDs.

Because this process is difficult, the effective date of express guest lists is later than that of regular guest lists, and there are no plans to implement express guest lists in other dorms.

"Until we can come up with a new guest management system that we can employ across all houses, this is how we have to operate for the moment," Humphreys said.

As of Wednesday, Sept. 16, express guest lists in Random Hall are active. Residents have until Oct. 1 to edit them before the lists are frozen for the semester.

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**FRI, OCT 2 | 12-2PM
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Arch. prof. proposed using warehouse for housing

Idea of using ‘light wells’ to penetrate interior of historic structure is a ‘breakthrough’; nearby dormitory rooms and lounges would have natural light and views of the sky

Metropolitan from Page 8

Also, adding an undergraduate residence at this location will provide much-needed flexibility to enable a planned and thoughtful renewal of our undergraduate and graduate dormitory system. The added capability will allow MIT to proactively address some deferred maintenance in its highly utilized undergraduate residence halls. Overall, I think the proposed building will be beneficial to our student community and to the overall plan for the renewal of our residential structures and systems.

Q. What steps have been taken to date, and what are the next steps for the proposal?

A. In order to analyze the idea of using the building as a living and learning community, I convened an advisory group with broad rep-

resentation from across MIT, in addition to the participation of external experts in the development of historic buildings. I am grateful to all the MIT faculty, students, staff, and professional advisors for their expert advice and willingness to engage and collaborate. In particular, I want to thank Jennifer Marshall from the Office of Campus Planning, who is the lead staff person on the Metropolitan Warehouse Advisory Group.

As this project has progressed, the excitement in the group continues to grow. I am working with the current student representatives to expand the outreach to the undergraduate community this fall.

The advisory group has four subgroups. One subgroup is focused on the undergraduate residential experience; a second sub-

group is addressing how best to create successful co-working and study spaces; a third is focused on the programming for the maker space; and the fourth is providing oversight on the structural and architectural issues.

For example, we’ve imagined that the groups of rooms organized around the proposed light wells would form micro-communities with small lounges, and that larger common spaces with diverse functions could be spread throughout the residence hall. Additionally, we’ve proposed that the building have dedicated spaces for broader MIT community use, including maker space, a dining facility, and spaces for group study, meetings, and functions.


We will continue to engage with people about the project. So far, the building concepts have benefitted

tremendously from the input of the advisory group and its subgroups. I know that we will continue to refine the many different features of the proposal. The building is brimming with character, so there is a great deal of potential.





Because the building has such important historical significance, we’ve had preliminary conversations with the staff at the Cambridge Historical Commission to ensure that our ideas blend well with the structure and respect its unique features. That interaction is ongoing. In addition, we would need to bring the proposal forward to the Cambridge Planning Board for its review, and there are numerous other considerations that we would need to explore with relevant city departments. We look forward to starting that dialogue this fall.

We’ve also been working carefully with the Metropolitan Storage Warehouse business owners to support their efforts in preparing the building and offering storage alternatives to customers. We know that some people have stored belongings in the facility for a long time, and we are sensitive to the possible disruption that may be caused. We are committed to working collaboratively with Metropolitan Storage and its customers in order to identify the best solutions as the proposal advances.

In the coming months, we will continue to test the feasibility of the mixed-use residence hall concept, including an examination of the amount of light that can be introduced to the interior spaces through the proposed light wells. We’ll be sharing much more information as we go along!




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THE FIRST YEAR

Laundry and life

My first day of class

By Chloe Yang

My first day of class, I was up before my alarm. I typically take an extra ten minutes to mourn the end of summer. That morning, however, was the exception. That morning was a magical microcosm of perfection, on par with a sunny “getting-ready-for-school” movie montage. I could almost hear faint echoes of peppy ukulele music.

The rest of the day lived up to my morning. Everything was going swell — I was finally a bona fide MIT student, with professors and friends and eight hours of sleep. When the time came to head to my last class, I obtained a free caramel peanut butter cookie from a WILG booth in the infinite, and I ran into a fellow 18.01A frosh with whom I could quest for the right room. I had time, sugar, and companionship. What could go wrong?

Everything fell apart when we found the recitation. Glancing in, I saw two rows of students taking notes. Despite the fact that we were half an hour early, despite the

feeling that something was not quite right, I charged into the classroom, clutching my cookie. I stopped a few feet from the entrance to glance uncertainly at the chalkboards, making sure they were filled with 18.01A math and not relativistic quantum mechanics.

“Here for 18.01A?” the TA asked as his eyes crinkled warmly.

I nodded. My fate was sealed. There was no walking back out the door, no time to realize my mistake. “It took me forever to find this place, too,” someone sympathized as I passed. Only then did I understand I was attending the wrong recitation section.

In high school, I thought I was a strong, independent woman who didn’t need any parental assistance. I didn’t realize that I wouldn’t just be independent at MIT — I would be an independent adult. Within my first week, I discovered the horrors of college and adulating. Classes are no longer in the same buildings, no longer in rooms numbered sequentially from one stretch of hallway to the next.

Gone are the days when I can blindly tick off the events on my schedule — hello Google Calendar, goodbye crumpled schedule I can memorize in two days. Hello laundry, and cooking every meal, and grocery shopping. Hello existential crises that arise from shelves of detergent: why are there so many different kinds? How do I pick the best detergent for me? What do I want from my detergent; what do I want out of life? Who am I even?

Yes, my struggles feel so very real. Yet, in the scope of my MIT experience as a whole, those issues fall away with every inside joke I form with a new friend, with every hack I spot throughout campus, with every pset I conquer and every amazing conversation I have. When I hear the sound of my footsteps echo off the columns of Lobby 7, I am struck by my good fortune. I am struck by the magnitude of my privilege. I still can’t quite believe I’m here, that I live and breathe the intellectual vibrancy that permeates MIT air.

I love MIT, I love the friends I’ve made, I love my classes and professors, and for now

at least, I’m loving this way of life. When I see my fellow freshmen scurrying through the infinite or perusing the shelves at Star Market, I inwardly smile at the knowledge that we’re all figuring out this whole college thing together, that every single one of us is experiencing the same thrill ride that is MIT. We all pile into the same roller coaster car, and our collective screams of joy are a symphony; they’re a battlecry. “We will survive this,” we roar (unless we are riding an East Campus coaster, in which case our survival is more dubious).

MIT is scary because there is no guarantee that I am joining the right clubs for me, or that I’m picking the right detergent; there is no guarantee I will have my life down pat as quickly as I’d hoped. However, that uncertainty is part of the excitement — I have free rein to make mistakes now, along with the class of 2019, so that I may (hopefully) become a certified adult after four years of failures and successes.

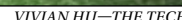
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Wesley M. Woo '19 weaves through players from Emmanuel College on Wednesday. MIT won the game 9-0.

Women's volleyball team cruises to victory after a tight first set Tuesday

DAPER STAFF

MIT carried the momentum into the second stanza as it raced out to a 6-1 advantage. Mount Holyoke slowly chipped away at the deficit as a strike by Sweeting brought it within one (11-10) and prompted a timeout by the hosts. Once action resumed, kills from Bertics and Jennifer A. Glerum '17

Maran notched six digs and four kills as Merve posted five digs, four kills, and an ace for Mount Holyoke. Natalie Lyon rounded out the squad with 13 assists and a team-best eight digs.

7 p.m., Steinbrenner Stadium

SPORTS WRITER

MIT plays a double-header at home this coming Sunday, Sept. 27, facing Boston College at 12:30 p.m. followed by Holy Cross at 5 p.m.